

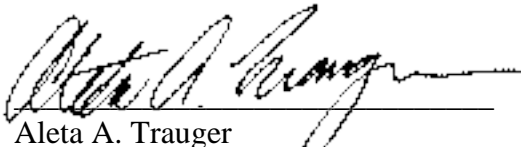
28 U.S.C. § 2250, by its language, contemplates the acquisition of free copies of a record that

is ongoing and presently pending before the Court. The petitioner, however, does not have a habeas application currently pending before this Court. Therefore, that statute does not entitle the petitioner to free copies.

An indigent petitioner has no constitutional right to acquire a free copy of his transcript or other court records for use in a collateral proceeding. *See United States v. McCollom*, 426 U.S. 317, 325-26 (1976). To obtain such records free of charge, the petitioner must demonstrate that his habeas corpus claims are not frivolous and that the records are needed to decide the issues presented. *Id.* at 326-27. A court is not compelled to allow the petitioner the requested documents in order to conduct a search for error. *Ruark v. Gunter*, 958 F.2d 318, 319 (10th Cir. 1992).

The petitioner has not demonstrated a specific need for the copies requested. Accordingly, to the extent that the petitioner has moved the Court to provide him with free copies of documents from this case, his motion is hereby DENIED. The Clerk is directed to forward to the petitioner a copy of the docket sheet for this case. Should the petitioner wish to obtain copies of specific docket entries, he must pay the copying cost of fifty cents (\$.50) per page. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b).

It is so ORDERED.


Aleta A. Trauger
United States District Judge